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I am not satisfied with the current settlement. I have read multiple essays, both for and against the current proposal and I have read the proposal. I appreciate the government's desire to regulate unfair business practices, and typically I am one to favor minimal governmental involvement. However, I do not believe that the current settlement adequately addresses the situation. Primarily, Microsoft is left with too much power to keep its competitors from competing. Not as much in the OS department, but specifically in the middleware (components for the OS) department. By having the freedom to change critical API's and not disclose them until the last major beta release, and not having to release some API's that their own products have full access to, creates an environment that would competition difficult, and in some circumstances untenable.

I appreciate your consideration of this matter.

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